

Hatchins Journal

1928-1929

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Memorandum



Dec. 14. 28

Saw one great blue heron  
off the coast of Ft. Louisa.

Dec. 16. 28

Saw several junc birds, palm  
chats and orioles around the  
hotel in Port au Prince.

Dec. 20. 28

(via L. M.)

On our trip from the Port to  
St. Michel I saw my first parrots  
- parakeets and many catbirds. I know  
we saw about 30 miles north of  
Port au Prince. 20 miles south  
of St. Marc. I saw a great many  
weaver birds nest. About 8 miles  
north of the Artibonite I thought I  
saw the red wing black bird.

Saw very few birds from  
here to Gonivie. few birds  
palm chat & etc.

Dec. 21-28

There seems to be a great  
many birds around St. Michel  
& L. A. laaye. The birds I saw  
here consist of the following  
parrots saw more here than any  
other loc. parakeets more here  
than any other loc., palm crow  
quite a few woodpeckers  
one day while collecting about  
6 miles north of St. Michel I  
accidentally ran onto an opening  
in the brush. This opening was  
probably 200 yds x 500 yds.  
Here there were hundreds of



pigeons, doves & guineas. This  
was surely a wonderful sight  
along a stream south of St Michel.  
There were a few killdeer,  
prairie & palm warblers, red start  
oven birds, cuckoos & mourning doves.  
at L'Atalaye I saw one quail  
dove. saw two cloud swifts.  
On Dec. 29. I saw one pigeon  
Hawk at L'Atalaye  
grassquail Jan 10 - 29

I was disappointed in St Raphael.  
The forest was very  
thick & green but very few  
birds compared to St. Michel.  
I saw a few cliff swallows,  
orioles, cuckoos, parrots  
few birds, wood peckers on the  
mts. In the valleys I found  
mocking & king birds black &

white warblers, sparrow hawk  
flycatcher I had to hunt  
very hard for the birds I  
collected here.

Jan 17-29

Dondon turn out to be another  
loc. similar to St. Raphael  
Mts. & valleys covered with  
heavy forest but very few  
birds or at least very few  
species. I believe there are  
more woodpeckers here  
than any locality we visited.  
I also saw and collected  
some honey creepers / flycatchers  
white naped crows, palm crows  
jew birds, redstarts. This  
was the first loc. we saw



the black birds. one jitchany  
one limkin, several palm  
tanagers prairie warblers.

From Dondon to Grand Riviere  
I saw but very few birds  
saw only common ones such  
as jiv birds & etc.

Jan. 21

at Grand Riviere I saw  
the little green heron, little  
blue heron, parrots, paroquets  
one prairie warbler two palm warblers

Jan. 22-29

Saw two clapper rails at  
Lake Haitian

Jan. 28-29

Found several warblers  
on Torr Island

Found several warblers  
on Monte Pico Island  
and nine shore birds

Jan 29-29

Found two myrtle warblers  
and several golden warblers

Jan. 30-29

Torro Island we found  
the following birds on this  
island four myrtle and sixteen  
golden warblers two oyster  
catchers one great blue heron



one little blue heron  
four plovers & one larger  
shore bird I saw - two  
ospreys but they flew  
over to Monte Grande Island  
The herons did the same

Feb 1-29

saw two turnstones  
four terns probably  
royal tern  
10 sandlings

Feb 2-29

Saw about a hundred  
sandlings two turnstone



Feb 4.

We could not land on Monte Grande Island because of bad reefs.

I believe this Island is the best one of the seven for birds. We could hear birds screeching, and the two ashmays that we saw flying around the other Islands I believe these birds were nesting there.

We then visited Pallas Island. This Island had wonderful feeding grounds. Saw a great blue heron which flew to Monte Grande, we also saw six golden warblers.

Feb 6. 29

Sailed across bay from  
Fort Liberty. Here we collected  
quite a few nice birds

The birds we saw and collected  
are

five vireos

several flycatchers

" green "

" king birds

" pewee bird

one " this <sup>bird</sup> looks something  
like a flycatcher

yellow birds

sparrow hawks

honey creepers

redstarts

prairie warblers

blue jays "

two little blue herons



one great blue heron  
twelve plovers  
five bull finches - woodpeckers  
mocking birds

Feb 7-29

Some martins passed over  
Fort Liberty

Feb 8-29

We saw along the southern  
shore of the bay.

two rails

six golden warblers

Palm tanagers

mocking birds

woodpeckers

one kingfisher

flycatchers green flycatchers

one little green heron  
four prairie warblers  
seven ground doves  
morning "

Feb. 11-29

visited old fort at fort liberty

two burrowing owls  
one duck hawk  
four king birds  
two little blue herons one being white  
one bull finch

Feb 12-29

Salt marshes west of Fort  
Liberty  
one Lou. heron



six little blue herons  
five sandpipers  
four green herons  
two honey creepers  
three water thrushes  
five killdeer  
few birds  
two vireos

" Maryland yellow throat

Feb 13-29

Nothing unusual

Feb 14-29

Collected in fresh water  
marshes, S.W. of Fort Liberty  
Saw about twenty gallinules  
six jacanas, two N. A. Coots

eight l. b. herons  
two yellow rails  
" l. g. herons

Feb 15-29

Nothing unusual

Feb 16

s. w. of F. Liberty

one many land of throat  
eight myrtle warbler  
King birds  
mocking birds collected  
one imm. specimen

four grebe  
one jacana  
six gallinules



about ten little blue herons  
in white plumage  
six sparrows hawks  
several black birds  
a flock of killdeer  
a flock of plovers  
one kingfisher

Feb 18 29

collected in marsh  
N.Y.

one Lou. heron  
four l. g. herons  
several sandpipers  
three clapper rails  
several bullfinches  
" l. b. herons  
" killdeer

Feb 20

From Fort Liberty  
to Cape Haitian about,  
all saw was gr. doves & jw. b.

Feb 25-29

Went collecting in the  
hills back of St. Marc.

Here I saw more palm  
chats than any loc.

There were quite a few  
palm crows

few birds

prairie warblers

ground doves

morning "

black birds



Feb 26-29

Collected along artibonite.

two burring owls  
four sparrow hawks  
three weaver birds  
purple warblers  
bl. birds

Many yellow throat  
ground doves  
few birds

Feb. 27-29

saw three whales  
" two fugate birds  
about twelve miles out from  
St. Marc on our way to  
La Gonave.

Feb 28

La Gonave

one pelican  
three gr. bl. herons  
several white crown pigeons

Mar. 2-29

As we passed through a  
valley back of Wike's house  
on our way into the interior  
we saw a abundance of birds  
such as flycatchers pigeons  
& etc. one I saw looked something  
like a robin but much lighter  
in color



Mar. 3 - to Mar 14 - 1929

Rather surprised at the bird life in the interior because there were very few large ones. Majority of them were warblers & grassquits.

Collected some green flycatchers. They seemed to be larger & have more red than the ones on the mainland.

I have very few trees in the interior. This may be the reason why birds are not very plentiful.

Other birds I ran across

four red tail hawks  
about ten wh. br. pigeons

yellow birds  
about a dozen night hawks  
over Plain Marjoo  
Black birds  
orioles  
red starts very common  
on our way back to  
Winkers I noticed a great  
many vireos.

on Mar. 9 I heard a pair  
of parrots on the mts  
I tried to get within  
gun range but could not  
The following day  
I saw four parrots but  
they did not light



Mar 17-29

At Ximche we saw large  
flocks of guanas, plains  
pigeons, paroquets, ground  
doves, juv. birds.

We tried to find a bird  
that looks something  
like a turkey but  
was unable to do so.

Mar. 18 - 24 - 1929

In Berca La Source we  
found very heavy forest,  
in fact it was the largest  
& thickest in Ximche.

Large flocks of  
Paroquets,  
crows, white naped & palm

woodpeckers

gymnas

plains pigeons

} very plentiful

doves, ground, mon. white wing

I saw more quail here  
than any other loc.

Two juncos

open birds

prairie warblers

black & wh. " plentiful

orioles

black birds

palm chats

" tanagers

bull finch

Maryland y. throat

L. blue heron

L. gr. " "

sandpiper

killdeer



green flycatcher  
king birds  
goatsucker

sharrow hawk  
red tail "

mocking birds  
honey creepers  
red start

several other warblers  
I did not recognize

The pine region is north  
of Boca La Lanza

Left Port-au-Prince April 3,  
arr. Washington April 8.

*Stema fuscata* arrives  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> middle of April  
↓ Eggs abundant middle of May  
Also a brood of same kind

↓ Wilkes said to have bought  
a pair of guineas to gonave  
but disappeared

↓ Terns - { Pigeon de la Mer  
↓ Gull {  
+ Dendrocygna Jean Jean  
Aramus Poule Belle.  
✓ *Ardea herodias* Gros Anou?  
✓ white heron Blanc Anou?  
✓ *Butorides* } Anou?  
✓ Florida } "  
✓ *Hydranassa* } "  
Coots } Poule d'Eau  
gallinules }  
✓ Pigeons Ramiers  
✓ Mourning Dove Tourterelle  
✓ *Falco sparverius* In Malpini  
✓ Butor Gros Malpini  
• Spotted Cu Cu  
✓ *Aratinga* Perrich  
✓ *Amazona* Jacko  
Sama Orou Jacco  
St Marc Col-a-sort



Crotophaga Bousso - Tabac  
✓ Todus Colibri  
↓ Ahryzaea Charpentier  
Hummers Quanga Negro  
Corvus leuc cao cao

✓ " palmarum " "  
✓ Minus Merle  
✓ Dulus (north) Esclav  
✓ (south) ocean palmarum  
small warblers etc  
lectus Baran mine  
✓ Holognathus Merle  
Phaeocephalus Quatre yeux







